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"I have sworn upon the Altar of God, eternal hostility to every form of Tyranny over the Mind of Man."—Thomas Jefferson

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POETRY.



THE LAST WISH.

[The celebrated Wilson, the ornithologist requested that he might be buried near some sunny spot. This wish is expressed in the following lines. The name of the author is unknown to us.]

In some wild forest shade,
Under some spreading oak, or waving pine,
Or old elm, festooned with the gadding vine,
Let me be laid.

In this dim lonely grove,
No foot intrusive will disturb my dust;
But o'er me songs of the wild birds shall burst,
Cheering the spot.

Not amid charnel stones,
Or coffins dark, and thick with ancient mould,
With tattered pall, and fringe of cankered gold,
May rest my bones;

But let the dewy rose,
The snowdrop and the violet, lend perfume
Above the spot where, in my grassy tomb,
I take repose.

Year after year,
Within the silver birch tree o'er me hung,
The chirping wren shall rear her callow young.

And ever at the purple dawn of day
The lark shall chant a pealing song above,
And the shrill quail shall pipe her hymn of love
When eve grows dim and gray.

The blackbird and the thrush,
The golden oriole, shall sit around,
And waken, with a mellow gush of sound,
The forest's solemn hush.

Birds from the distant sea
Shall sometimes hither flock on snowy wings,
All soar above my dust in airy rings,
Singing a dirge to me.

CUTTING RETORT.

A learned clergyman in Maine was accosted in the following manner by an illiterate preacher, who despised education—
"Sir, you have been to college, I suppose."

"Yes, sir," was the reply.
"I am thankful," rejoined the former, "that the Lord has opened my mouth to preach without any learning."

"A similar event," replied the latter, "took place in Balaam's time; but such things are of rare occurrence at the present day."

Truth, crushed to earth, shall rise again,
The eternal years of God are hers;
But error, wounded, writhes with pain,
And dies among its worshippers.

The Coon Lament.

The moon shed forth her silvery light,
The stars in glory crowned the night.
Perched on a rail: that same old coon,
Thus mournfully sung to himself this tune
Get out of the way, we're all unlucky—
Sad, sad is the fate of old Kentucky.

Fled are his hopes of late so bright,
His soul has sunk in endless night,
In might the Democrats are rising,
And the way they poke him is surprising:
Get out of the way we're all unlucky,
We're in a terrible poke with Old Kentucky.

Their banners are floating in the air,
Proudly Young Hickory's name they bear.
From hill and vale their shouts arise,
He sung, as the tears streamed from his eyes
Get out the way we're all unlucky,
We'll go to pot with Old Kentucky.

His song went forth upon the gale,
A deep toned, mournful death like wail;
He seemed as if with grief he'd choke,
And sadly sung, as he thought of Polk:
Get out of the way, we're all unlucky,
H'll poke to death our old Kentucky.

He poked down his snout, so sad and grim,
As he once more thought of Hickory Jim,
'Twas his legs he graceful poked his tail,
And he sung, as he poked in his hole, from the rail
Oh, its nice cum arous, we're all unlucky;
The People won't go for Old Kentucky.

"LOOK A HEA, SAM," said a western negro one day to a field hand over the fence in the adjoining lot, "look a hea, d'yo see dat tall tree down dar?"

"Yass, Jim, I does."

"What berry top,"
"Wat was you inter, Jim?"
"I was arter a coon—an' wen I'd chas'd 'im clear out to tolder ernd ob dat longer limb, I hears sumfin' drop. What you guess 'twas, Sam? D'yer gib'm up?" "Twas his foolish nigger! E-yah! E-yah! Like to broke my neck—been limpin' bout eber since!"

A PORTRAIT.

At the door of the saloon Serena met me
She wore a white garland in her light brown hair and, at the sight of her, vanished every dark thought. Ah! how charming was she not, this evening, in the light, white dress, with her friendly blue eyes, her pure brow, and the heavenly smile on her lips! Had I but had the power to paint her at this moment! As every flower has its moment of perfect beauty, so has a human being moments in which his highest and loveliest life blooms forth—in which he appears what he actually is; what he is in the depth of God's intentions. These fleeting revelations—for there is nothing abiding on the earth—these are that which the genuine artist seeks to lay hold of; and therefore it is unjust to say of a successful portrait, especially that of an intellectual person, that it is flattered.

DEATH.

When the veil of death has been drawn between us and the objects of our love and regard, how quick sighted do we become to their merits, and how bitterly do we then remember words or looks of unkindness which have escaped us in our intercourse with them! How careful should such thoughts render us in the fulfilment of these offices of affection which it may be in our power to perform! for who can tell how soon the moment may arrive when repentance cannot be followed by reparation?

"Hallo! Bill!" exclaimed a huge paw to an acquaintance who was riding in the Whip procession, "what are you doing among them Whigs?"

Calling his friend up to the wagon, he whispered, "keep shady Sam.—I'm springing a ride, and getting a dollar to boot."—*N. H. Register.*

SENATORIAL CONFERENCE CONVENTION.

The Senatorial Conference for the Senatorial district composed of Columbia and Luzerne counties, met at the house of John R. Dean in Wilkesbarre, on the 18th of Sept., 1844, pursuant to previous agreement and two sets of Conferees appearing from Columbia county, an informal meeting was organized to decide the claims of Conferees to seats in the Convention. Present, Henry Seibert and Andrew Bedford from Luzerne, Henry Webb, George Morris, and Valentine Best, Isaac Welsh, from Columbia.

After examining the claims of the parties to seats, the undisputed Conferees from Luzerne county, Messrs. Sybert and Bedford, decided that Henry Webb and George W. Morris be admitted to seats in this Convention. Whereupon on motion

HENRY SYBERT was appointed President, and HENRY WEBB, Secretary. On motion the Convention proceeded to ballot for a person to be placed in nomination for Senator.

Messrs. Sybert and Bedford having voted sixty successive ballots for Andrew Beaumont, and Messrs. Webb and Morris five successive ballots for George P. Steel, once for Ziba Bennes, seventeen for Francis L. Bowman, and thirty seven for Hendrick B. Wright, the convention adjourned.

Oct. 19. The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and on motion renewed the balloting, for a Senatorial candidate, Messrs. Sybert and Bedford voted twenty one successive ballots for Andrew Beaumont, and Messrs. Webb, and Morris twenty one for Hendrick B. Wright.

When on motion, the Convention adjourned until two o'clock P. M.

2 o'clock P. M. The Convention assembled. The following letter was received from the Hon. Hendrick B. Wright, and on motion of Mr. Webb, was ordered to be entered on the minutes of the proceedings.

WILKESBARRE, Sept. 19, 1844.
Gentlemen:—I have learned that on yesterday, my name was balloted, in the Senatorial Conference, for the nomination for Senator for this district. This was done without my consent or approbation, and there could be no state of things that could induce me to accept of the nomination if conferred upon me. There are gentlemen who would be flattered with the nomination and who would, if elected represent the district ably, from among them, I trust you will make a selection and be good enough to leave my name out. If nominated I cannot consent to be a candidate.

Very truly Yours,
HENDRICK B. WRIGHT.
Messrs. Seibert, Bedford, Webb and Morris.

Senatorial Conferees now in Conference.

On motion the Convention then proceeded to ballot for a Senatorial candidate, and Messrs. Sybert, and Bedford, gave twenty two ballots for Andrew Beaumont, and Messrs. Webb, and Morris, twenty two ballots for George P. Steel.

On motion the Convention adjourned to half past seven o'clock the next morning.

Sept. 20. The Convention assembled pursuant to adjournment, and on motion proceeded to ballot for a Senatorial Candidate.

Messrs. Sybert and Bedford, gave three successive ballots for Andrew Beaumont, Messrs. Webb and Morris, gave three successive ballots for George P. Steel, when a motion being made by Mr. Sybert to adjourn sine die, the ayes and nays being called by Mr. Webb, it was decided in the negative as follows

Yea—Messrs. Sybert and Bedford.
Nays—Messrs. Webb and Morris.
On motion the convention adjourned to 6 o'clock P. M.

6 o'clock P. M. The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and on motion proceeded to ballot for a Senatorial candidate.

Messrs. Sybert and Bedford, gave two successive ballots for Andrew Beaumont, and Messrs. Webb and Morris, two for George P. Steel, when, on motion, adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Sept. 21 Met pursuant to adjournment,

and on motion proceeded to ballot for a Senatorial Candidate, Messrs. Sybert and Bedford, voted for Andrew Beaumont, and Messrs. Webb and Morris voted for George P. Steel, when a motion being made by Mr. Sybert to adjourn sine die, the ayes and nays were called by Mr. Webb, and decided in the negative as follows.

Yea—Messrs. Sybert and Bedford.
Nays—Messrs. Webb and Morris.

On motion the Convention then adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M. The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and the following being received from Mr. Steel; was ordered to be entered upon minutes.

WILKESBARRE, Sept. 21st 1844.
To Henry Webb, George W. Morris, Henry Sybert and Andrew Bedford, Esqrs. Senatorial Conferees for Luzerne and Columbia county, now in Convention at Wilkes Barre.

Gentlemen.—I have learned that my name has been used in your conference, as a candidate for nomination as Senator for this Senatorial district. I return my thanks to the Conference; and to my friends; for the honor I have received at their hands; but not being desirous of the nomination, I respectfully ask my name to be withdrawn from further support.

Respectfully Yours,
GEORGE P. STEEL.

The Convention then again proceeded to ballot for a Senatorial Candidate, and Messrs. Sybert and Bedford; gave five successive ballots for Andrew Beaumont, and Messrs. Webb and Morris gave one for William S. Ross, and four for Charles Dorrance.

A motion was then made by Mr. Sybert to adjourn sine die, and the ayes and nays being called by Mr. Webb, was decided in the negative as follows.

Yea—Messrs. Sybert and Bedford.
Nays—Messrs. Webb and Morris.

A motion was then made by Mr. Webb to adjourn until 9 o'clock, A. M. September 23 and was decided in the negative as follows:

Yea—Messrs. Sybert and Morris.
Nays—Messrs. Webb and Bedford.

At this stage of the proceedings Henry Webb and George W. Morris withdrew from the Convention and gave the following as their reasons for so doing.

WILKESBARRE, Sept. 21, 1844.
Messrs. H. Webb & G. W. Morris.
Senatorial Conferees of Columbia county now in Conference.

Gentlemen.—We have at length found it necessary to withdraw ourselves from the Senatorial Conference. We are induced to take this course, from no disrespect to the Democracy of Columbia county or her interests, but because we find it impossible to carry out successfully the instructions by which we are bound. The Senator was conceded to Luzerne county, and although you have suggested individuals in this county who, as candidates, would undoubtedly merit and receive the support of the Democratic party,—Still it seems that our County Convention have deemed it a matter of their own direction, to add to our right of Senator, the choice of the candidate.

Our instructions are, therefore, imperative, and as the assent of Columbia county to those instructions, is pointedly refused we respectfully withdraw from the Conference.

Respectfully Yours,
HENRY SEYBERT,
ANDREW BEDFORD.

After Messrs. Sybert and Bedford had withdrawn from the Convention, GEO. W. MORRIS was appointed President.

The following letter was received from Francis L. Bowman, and ordered to be entered upon the journal.

WILKESBARRE, Sept. 21, 1844.
To the Democratic Senatorial Conference now in session at Wilkesbarre.

Gentlemen.—Having understood that my name has been brought before you, for the nomination of Senator of this District, permit me to withdraw it, thanking you for the honor conferred upon me.

Yours Truly,
F. L. BOWMAN.

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Thus Fellow Citizens, you have the report before you, of the Senatorial Conference Convention, and it now becomes our duty to present you, the reasons that have influenced our course as a portion of that body.

In accepting this appointment, we were admonished, that any action which would go to defeat the vital question of your interest, the removal of the seat of Justice to Bloomsburg, would not be sanctioned for a moment by you. Nor should it. In no event, can it be made secondary to any other object. Almost successful repeatedly we were persuaded that its accomplishment now would depend upon our having no doubtful friend in the Senate of the State. About the man who might be presented by Luzerne, we had no care, provided he was to be depended upon as favorable to our interests. The Conferees of Luzerne presented but one man, and adhered to him with singular pertinacity. That was the name of Andrew Beaumont. To him, personally, we could have no objections; but there were views of his upon the subject of our removal question, entirely opposed to our interest, and opinions oft expressed, published and reiterated upon the protective policy now recognized by the Democratic party, which we knew could not be approved in this District. Always and steadily opposed to the Tariff, it would have been rash in us to have indulged in any experiment. We were satisfied that he was NO REMOVAL MAN. Indeed, his attachments are strong and avowed for those who uniformly oppose us. We knew he was not a friend of the Tariff of '42, without which even prosperity is a shadow—and with such convictions we have done what was our duty, and in strict accordance with the rights of the regularly constituted delegates. That is we have nominated

our candidate. In him you may place implicit confidence. He will be your uncompromising friend, and he has the ability to advocate your interest on the floor of the Senate. In conclusion we will say, that we could not have presented to you the name of a man, who has more decided, warmer active friends, than Gen. Ross, and that it needs but the united action of the friends of the real interests of the District to elect him by a tremendous majority. That such will be the result, we have no doubt. We have done our duty. Now do yours.

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Gen. WILLIAM S. ROSS:

Sir—Your name having been mentioned in Conference Convention as a Democratic Candidate for Senator from this District, we are desirous of learning your views in relation to certain questions, in which the people of this Senatorial District feel deeply interested. We therefore take the liberty of asking you whether you will accept the nomination should it be tendered you, and should you be elected, whether you are in favor of a protective Tariff, and whether you are in favor of the Removal of the Seat of Justice in Columbia county from Danville to Bloomsburg.

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I answer it by saying—that I have been, and am now, most decidedly in favor of a protective tariff, not a high tariff, but sufficient to give a moderate and fair protection to our manufacturers; and to prevent their being prostrated by excessive foreign importation by the great capitalist of Europe; and enabling them to sustain themselves at moderate profits—giving employment to our own hardy labours, instead of the paupers of the Eastern Continent.

With regard to the removal of the seat of Justice of Columbia county, not being a resident of that county; but acquainted with its geographical situation; I should really think the present location, was rather on the border of the line, and that it would be an act of justice and of great accommodation to the people, to have it removed to Bloomsburg; being about the centre of the territory and the centre of the population. I should therefore if elected, use my best endeavours to accomplish that object.

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